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Cher Jean-Pierre,

Excusez-moi aussi de vous ecrire en anglais. Thank you for your letter and for giving me your response to my letter to Victor Scheffer.

The only press clippings I have found on the birth control programme in East Timor were from Angkatan Bersenjata and Berita Yudha, both of them Army papers. I enclose translations of the most relevant parts. I have published some articles in TAPOL Bulletin on the general application of the birth control programme. We can certainly draw the conclusion that the same methods are used, possibly with greater arrogance, in East Timor. It is everywhere a very oppressive programme, bearing down very heavily on the women. Participation is regarded as everyone's 'patriotic' duty. One can well imagine the idea being put around in East Timor that 'non-participation' could be likened to being 'pro-Fretilin'. I also send an exchange of letters I had with the World Bank, which I have not yet made use of.

NAIROBI 1

I seem to have lost my copy of the Timorese women's intervention in Nairobi. Did it touch on the birth control question? Perhaps you could let me have a copy.

Belo 2

I have sent the enclosed documents to Margriet de Kruif/Vastenaktie. I also sent her the piece in the latest Timor Link on Belo's pastoral letter on the question. Robert didn't send me the full text of the pastoral letter, so I only have his summary. Do you have the original?

Thank you for sending the lists of Timorese prisoners. The copy of the 'surat jalan' was particularly useful. I will use it - space permitting - in the next TAPOL.

RITSOF 3

I look forward to receiving the material on prisons. I have the impression that the occupiers are perhaps turning people's attention away from Atauro. and getting them more interested in the trials which must have been an enormous farce.

Stevenson 4

No, I haven't heard anything about the Fretilin fellow's letter to Captain STevenson in A'lia. Could you let me have a copy?

My warmest greetings to you, and thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely,

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